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1. SIX MAN US DELEGATION IN FIELD OF FERROUS METALLURGY POLLUTION ABATEMENT TECHNOLOGY COMPLETED 12 DAY VISIT TO THE USSR ON APRIL 14. DELEGATION DISCUSSED ON-GOING JOINT WORK AT THE MINISTRY OF FERROUS METALLURGY IN MOSCOW AND AT THE INSTITUTE OF FERROUS METALLURGY CLEANING IN KHAR'KOV AND ITS BRANCH IN DONETSK. THE DELEGATION ALSO OBSERVED AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS AT METALLURGICAL PLANTS IN LIPETSK AND KRIVOY ROG. THE DELEGATION NOTED THAT IN MANY AREAS SOVIET EFFORTS AT AIR AND WATER POLLUTION ARE PRIMATIVE AT BEST. HOWEVER, THE US AND SOVIET SPECIALISTS IDENTIFIED TWO PROJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR FUTURE JOINT COOPERATIVE WORK. THE FIRST PROJECT INVOLVES JOINT CONSTRUCTION AND TESTING
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OF SMALL (20 LITER PER MINUTE) PORTABLE PILOT PLANT FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT IN METALLURGICAL PLANTS. EPA IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING SUCH A PILOT PLANT FOR USE IN COKING PLANTS AND BLAST FURNACE FACILITIES. SOVIETS WILL INSPECT EPA PILOT PLANT DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO THE US AND WILL CONSTRUCT SIMILAR FACILITY FOR EXPERIMENTAL USE IN HOT ROLLING MILL.

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EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS WILL BE EXCHANGED THUS
AFFORDING BOTH PARTIES CONSIDERABLE BUDGETARY SAVINGS.
US AND SOVIET EXPERTS ALSO AGREED TO EXCHANGE DESIGNS FOR
COKE OVEN DOOR SEALS, TO TEST THE SEALS IN THE
FACILITIES OF EACH COUNTRY AND TO EXCHANGE THE RESULTS
OBTAINED. US SPECIALISTS BELIEVE THAT THIS PROCEDURE MAY
CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF POLLUTION PROBLEMS AFFECTING
THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. US SPECIALISTS WERE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE
RECEPTION ACCORDED THEM BY THE SOVIETS. HOWEVER, US
SPECIALISTS COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIETS REMAIN RELUCTANT
TO ALLOW UNRESTRICTED PLANT VISITS BY US SPECIALISTS.
US DELEGATION MEMBERS NOTED THAT AT TIMES THEIR SOVIET
HOSTS DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO VISIT CERTAIN REQUESTED
FACILITIES, SUCH AS WASTE WATER SETTLING BASINS AND BLAST
FURNACE SHOPS. IN ORDER TO PREVENT SUCH PROBLEMS IN
THE FUTURE, US DELEGATION LEADER PLANS TO FORMULATE
WRITTEN DEFINITION OF FACILITIES WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED
IN FUTURE PLANT VISITS. DELEGATION MEMBERS ALSO COMMENTED
THAT TOO MUCH TIME WAS SPENT IN TRAVELING IN COMPARISON
TO TIME DEVOTED TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OR PLANT
VISITS.

3. IN SPITE OF THESE PROBLEMS, THE VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE
ESTABLISHED A GOOD BASIS FOR TECHNICALLY SIGNIFICANT
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AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL JOINT WORK. TOON

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